



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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63 Groups Receive Round 3 Grants Interoperable Communications Grants

An additional 63 Groups will receive Interoperable Communications Grants.

Jurisdictions receiving grants are: Ava, Aurora PD, Bakersfield VFPD, Bunceton PD, Crocker FPD, Dunnegan FPD, Grant Township FPD, Hermann area EMS, Higginsville area EMS, Leopold VFD, Macon PD, Mindenmines VFD, Nixa FPD, Owensville Communications, Ozark PD, Purdy FD, St. Elizabeth FPD, Waynesville PD, and Wyconda FD.

Counties receiving grants are: Barry County Communications, Bates County Sheriff, Cedar County EMA, Chariton County Sheriff, Chariton County 911, Cooper County EMA/911, Dade County EMS, Douglas County EMA, Dunklin County 911, Lawrence, Livingston County 911, East Perry County RFPD, Gasconade County EMA, Harrison County EMA, Henry County Sheriff, Iron, Lafayette County 911, Lewis County 911, Miller County EMA, Miller County Ambulance, Miller County Sheriff, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway County Communications, Pettis County Sheriff, Polk County Central Dispatch, Pulaski County 911, Ripley County EMA, Scotland County EMA, Scotland County Sheriff, Scott County 911, Shannon, Ste. Genevieve County 911, St. Francois County 911, Stoddard County 911, Stoddard County Sheriff, Stone County 911, Stone County Sheriff, Sullivan County 911, Taney County Ambulance, Texas County EMA, Vernon, Washington County Dispatch, Wayne County FPD, and Wright County EMA.

What is the Buffer Zone Protection Plan (BZPP)

The purpose of the Buffer Zone Protection Plan program is to make it more difficult for terrorists to conduct planning activities or successfully launch attacks from the immediate vicinity of critical infrastructure or key resource targets. The program's primus is local law enforcement agencies and first responders are on the front lines preventing, defending against, preparing and mitigating the impacts of terrorist attacks. The program increases the general capacity and preparedness of these groups by establishing buffer zones around individual assets developing purchasing plans for equipment that will reduce vulnerability. In Missouri, 51 sites have been identified and funding is for the "buffer zone" or area immediately surrounding these key sites. All sites have been selected and notified.

The BZPP program is administered directly by SEMA. The Protective Security Division (PSD) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is responsible for technical management, selecting covered sites and approving purchasing plans. The Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) is responsible for grant management, via SEMA.

Jurisdictions must develop Buffer Zone Protection Plans and Purchasing Plans for their sites, sending them to SEMA. Following SEMA's review, the Protective Security Division provides technical review and ODP performs a financial and programmatic review. After this, SEMA is authorized to draw down funds to jurisdictions as subgrantees.

All states must submit Buffer Zone Protection and Purchasing Plans by 9/30/05. Missouri jurisdictions should submit their plans to SEMA by May 18, 2005. For more information: or contact Dee Solindas (573) 526 9148 dee.Solindas@sema.dps.mo.gov or <http://www.sema.state.mo.us/terrorism.htm>

4.1 Magnitude EQ Hits Blytheville, Arkansas, May 1

At 7:31 a.m., the United States Geological Service (USGS) reported a light 4.1 magnitude earthquake occurred in Blytheville, Arkansas. Shortly after the initial earthquake, there were three aftershocks: a 2.3 magnitude at 12:56 p.m., a 2.7 magnitude at 2:39 p.m., and a 2.0 magnitude at 4:22 p.m. Missouri citizens in Pemiscot, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Cape Girardeau, Butler, Ripley and Oregon counties felt the tremors. However no damages or injuries were reported.

Missourians can see the areas that felt the earthquakes by going to the USGS's Web site, "Did You Feel It?" at <http://pasadena.wr.usgs.gov/shake/>.

LeComte Retires

Tom LeComte, SEMA Area F Coordinator in the Planning and Disaster Recovery Branch will retire effective May 31, 2005. Good Luck!

The Area F Coordinator position will be temporarily vacant until the position is filled. In the meantime if you need assistance, please contact the SEMA office in Jefferson City. During normal working hours please contact SEMA's Planning and Disaster Recovery Branch at 573-526-9122. After business hours in the event of an emergency, call the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.

Area Coordinator Meetings...

Area A: May 19, 2005 from 10a.m. – noon, at the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Liberty.
Area B: June 7, 2005 6:30 –8:30 p.m., at the Mo Stage Highway Patrol Troop B HQ, Macon.
Area E: May 6, 2005 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Fisherman's Net Restaurant, Sikeston.
Area G: June 1, 2005 from 11:30-2:30 p.m., at the Pizza Express, Houston.

Floodplain/Stormwater Conference Set for May 18-19

The 10th annual Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Management Association (MFSMA) Conference will be May 18-19 at Port Arrowhead Resort, Lake of the Ozarks. The conference is co-sponsored by MFSMA, SEMA and FEMA. The conference is limited to 200 participants. Workshops will focus on Low Impact Development, No Adverse Impact – Legally Speaking, NFIP 101, FEMA Map Modernization, FEMA Mapping Update for State of Missouri and Overview of DNR Hot Issues. Registration is \$75 for MFSMA members or \$100 for non-members. For more information call the Floodplain Management and Mitigation Section at (573) 526-9115.

SEMA Classes with Openings in May and June

The following free SEMA classes still have openings. If you would like to attend one of them, please go the SEMA's Homepage to register on line. The on line training application link is: [http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/WebFiles/TrainingRegistrationForm/\\$File/Training%20Application.pdf](http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/WebFiles/TrainingRegistrationForm/$File/Training%20Application.pdf)

5/11-12/05	Emergency Planning	St. Louis Co. EMA, Chesterfield
5/10-12/05	CERT T-t-T	Cape Girardeau
5/16-20/05	Managing Civil Actions in Threat Incidents (MCATI) Command Course	Platte Co. Resource Ctr.
5/17-19/05	CERT T-t-T (Local to Area G)	Ava
6/13-14/05	ICS for Law Enforcement	Cape Girardeau
6/14-15/05	Special Events Planning for Public Safety	Independence

6/14-16/05	Emergency Planning for Special Needs Populations	St. Charles
6/21-22/05	Mitigation Planning Workshops for Local Government	Springfield

DHS Announces Fire Prevention & Safety Grants

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the fifth and sixth rounds of Fire Prevention and Safety Grants. Missouri Departments are: Berkeley FD (\$15,490), Cape Girardeau FD (\$64,022), DeSoto RFD (\$79,500), Metro North FPD (\$50,535), Nixa FPD (\$31,005), St. James FD (\$23,400), and Winfield-Foley FPD (\$27,000).

Health Sponsors “Coordinating A Community Response” Seminar

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Center for Emergency Response and Terrorism, Heartland Center, and St. Louis University School of Public Health are sponsoring “Looking Beyond Ourselves...Coordinating A Community Response” seminar set for June 1-2 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach. The seminar is free. It is limited to 350 people. Hotel accommodations are the responsibility of the participant.

Look for Letters Explaining NIMCAST

Letters regarding implementation of the National Incident Management Capability Assessment Tool (NIMCAST) were mailed out on May 2, 2005. Letters were sent to the senior elected official, with info copies to the local emergency management director.

NIMS Compliant ICS Training Guidelines Available Online

The NIMS National Standard Curriculum: Training Development Guidance outlines the system's ICS concepts and principles, management characteristics, organizations and operations, organizational element titles and recommendations for a model curriculum. It also provides an evaluation checklist for content that may be used to make sure that ICS training meets the "as taught by DHS" standard. The guidance document is available for download from the NIMS Homepage at www.fema.gov/nims.

According to the NIMS Integration Center, emergency management and response personnel already ICS trained do not need retraining if their previous training is consistent with the DHS standard. This would include ICS courses managed, administered or delivered by the Emergency Management Institute, the National Fire Academy, NWCG, USDA, EPA or the U.S. Coast Guard, the NIMS Center said. For more information about NIMS ICS e-mail the NIMS-Integration-Center@dhs.gov, or call 202-646-3850.

Cole Appointed State Fire Marshal

Missouri Governor Matt Blunt appointed Randy Cole the State Fire Marshall. He must receive Senate confirmation. Cole is a 19-year veteran of the Department of Public Safety's Division of Fire Safety. Cole served as Assistant Fire Marshall for nine years. Prior to that appointment, he served as a fire investigator and regional chief investigator. He earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Central Missouri State University.